

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَاكَ سَبْعًا مِّنَ الْمَثَانِي وَالْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ (سورة
الحجر , آيت 87)
سَبْعٌ:

literally means seven but as we all know
Arabs not only meant seven by saying سَبْعٌ
(sabab) but it is also used to mean
several or many .

سَبْعُمِائَةٍ means seventy , سَبْعُونَ means
seven hundred

Quran says:

9:80 Even if you ask forgiveness for them

seventy times إِنَّ تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ سَبْعِينَ مَرَّةً

It does not mean that if you ask for their
pardon seventy times, we will not pardon
them, but It means that even if you ask
pardon for them several times, they
cannot be pardoned.

سَبْعَ سَمُوتٍ : numerous heavenly bodies :
الْمَثَانِي:

the oft-repeated, is the plural of مَثَى or
مَثَاة which is derived from ثَنَى i.e. he
doubled it or folded it or bent it. عَلَيْهِ أَثْنَى
means, he praised, eulogized or spoke
well of him. ثِنَان (thinan)

means, the repetition of a thing; doing it
one time after another.

It is understood that سَبْعَ الْمَثَانِي means the
first chapter of Quran i.e Fateh because it
consists of seven verses that are often
repeated in Prayers, but as we discussed

above سَبْعَ means seven, seventy, seven hundred, and several الْمَثَانِي repeated, these are the several historical data that are again repeated in Quran, so the exposition of above Ayat must be: We have given you several examples from history that repeats itself, and We have given you this Sublime Qur'an that defines the laws of the rise and fall of nations.

[Most ancient and contemporary exponents have misunderstood this verse because of uncritical following of Bukhari. They maintain that Sab'an (Seven) here means the seven verses of the first Surah, Al-Fatihah.

Obviously, this interpretation is against the flowing context here and it reduces the glorious meaning to naught. Saba' = Seven, often denotes several]

Another interpretation of the سَبْعَ الْمَثَانِي is itself Quran if we consider وَ in وَالْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ as the explanatory hence the meaning will be " We have given you often repeated Book the Great Quran, as we see in 39:23 كِتَابًا مُتَشَابِهًا مَّثَانِيَّ meas whose verses are mutually supporting and repeated in diverse form, it is a Book which is susceptible of different interpretations but these interpretations

are consistent and support each other.
There is no contradiction or
inconsistency anywhere in the Quran.